

Linton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2025, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms

Present: Cllr Troyden-Fraser (In the Chair), Cllr Browne, Cllr Tizzard, and Cllr Smith

In Attendance: Clerk Clare Orme, County Councillor Amy Wheelton and 3 members of the public.

25/247 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted as follows:

- ***Cllr Tilley, due to other commitments.***
- ***Cllr Rai-Aytain, due to other commitments***
- ***Cllr D Swinburn, due to other commitments***
- ***Cllr Fraser due to other commitments***

25/248 - Co Option of a Councillor, completion of the Declaration of Absence and the Completion of the Register of Members Interest Form.

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the co-option of Phil Needham onto Linton Parish Council with immediate effect. This was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Troyden-Fraser.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Cllr Phil Needham signed the Acceptance of Office Form before the Clerk.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Register of Interest Form was to be completed and returned to the Parish Clerk within 28 days.

25/249 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

25/250 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

Cllr Troyden-Fraser declared a personal interest in minute ref: 25/253/D – Facilities Working Group item 5 – Allotment Update.

25/251 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.

Public Speaking

There was nothing to report.

County Council Representatives Report.

Cllr Wheelton was in attendance at the meeting and raised the following matters:

- Cllr Wheelton had emailed the Clerk her updates. The Clerk had already sent these through to the Council Members for information.
- Now was the time to report things like potholes, lighting out etc. If making an online Report It report, it is important that people keep a note of the Reference Number as this is the only way to find the complaint raised, if it is not resolved within 6 weeks. Cllrs were asked to let the Clerk know of any reports made by them, so that there is always a ref number on file if needed.

District Council Representatives Report.

District Councillor Tilley gave his apologies; the Clerk circulated the below report prior to the meeting:

Development Control (Planning)

It was disappointing to see the Secretary of State has granted consent for Oaklands Farm Project despite local opposition.

The latest, Battery Energy Storage applications, just off the Walton Road, was unanimously rejected at the last SDDC development control (planning) meeting.

The appeal by the applicant for the Children's Home in Coton Park has been won. The District Council were instructed to pay the full costs of the applicant.

Civic Ceremony at Swadlincote Town Hall for New Chair

The new Chair and Vice Chair of SDDC will be announced on Thursday this week. The civic ceremony was held on 22nd May at 6pm at the Town Hall. Cllr Angela Archer is the new Chair and Cllr Alistair Tilley is the Vice Chair.

Bevin Boys Miners Memorial

This new memorial will be opened at Eureka Park Swadlincote at 11.00am on Friday 25th July. It is to commemorate the many young men who were prevented from volunteering for the armed services in the Second World War. They were instead conscripted to work in the coal mines to supply the vital coal needed for the war effort.

Civic Ceremony at Swadlincote Town Hall for New Chair

The new Chair of SDDC is Cllr Angela Archer and Vice Chair is Cllr Alistair Tilley; it was great to see representatives from Parish Councils at the ceremony.

SDDC Events

The Festival of Leisure in Maurice Lea Memorial Park, was very well attended on Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming events are....

Music in the Forest - Wednesday 30 July, 1.30pm – 4pm, Rosliston Forestry Centre.

New for 2025, Music in the Forest celebrates 30 years of Rosliston Forestry Centre with an afternoon of live music in a woodland setting. Families can explore the sculpture trails and outdoor play areas, and the café will be open all afternoon selling refreshments. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Musicals in the Park - Sunday 10 August, 2pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Sing along to musical hits at this fun-filled outdoor event. Bring a picnic and chairs to relax and enjoy the show. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available at the park throughout the afternoon.

Wacky Wednesday! - Wednesday 13 August, 1.30pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Perfect for families with children, this fun-filled afternoon will feature live music, free children's entertainment, inflatables, and large games. Bring a picnic and chairs to make the most of the event. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available at the park.

Proms in the Park- Sunday 17 August, 2pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Celebrate the British summer with big brass bands and live music. Bring a picnic and chairs to enjoy an afternoon of classic performances in the park. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available throughout the event.

25/252 - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 June 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 June 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Troyden-Fraser. AGREED unanimously.

25/253 - Parish Council Committee/Working Group Reports Updates

- a) **Highways, Pavements, & Street Furniture Working Group Report - Cllr Rai-Aytain and Cllr Troyden-Fraser**
1. New Speed Indicator Sign, Linton Heath 2024/2025 & 2025/2026 Project – Clerk to complete application for a new post.

There was nothing to report, the Clerk was still looking at completing an application form.

b) **Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk**

There was nothing to report.

c) **Coton Park Recreation Ground Working Group Report - Cllr Tilley and Cllr Tizzard**

1. Update rubber safety surface – Cllr Troyden-Fraser and Cllr Tilley

The above project had now been completed.

2. Update £2,000.00 reduced to £1,412.00 after the tree chipping work was completed of £204.00 and £180.00 - funding towards the project at Badger Hollows Nature reserve.

There was nothing to report.

3. Update on the Willow Planting in the boggy area at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground.

Resolved: The Clerk to chase Bloomin Gardens for a quote.

d) Facilities Working Group Report - Cllr Fraser and Cllr Troyden-Fraser

- 1) Consider maintenance of the Onyx sign Rickman's Corner – Money added to the budget for 2025/2026.

It was reported that Cllr Tilley was still looking into this.

- 2) Update Village Hall Meeting Report and Rickman's Corner Community Centre Report. – Cllr Troyden-Fraser

There was nothing to report.

- a. Update on the Parish Council hiring a mobile cinema to work with the Village Hall and Rickman's Corner Community Centre.

There was nothing to report.

- b. Update on the donation to the repair of the Village Hall roof

Resolved: The draft email was confirmed by the Council. The Clerk to forward to the Village Hall Committee as soon as possible.

- 3) Update Registration of Linton Recreation Ground with Timms Solicitors – Registration Completed.

The Clerk reported that we had now received a final update from the Solicitor. The Children's Play Area had been registered with an Absolute Title and the rest of the area was under a Possessory Title. The Parish Council would be able to apply for absolute title in 12 years' time.

- 4) Update Memorial Bench and tree on corner of Coton Croft – Bench work completed.

The bench had been completed, and the tree work would be completed in the Autumn.

- 5) Allotment updated:

- a. Update on the Allotment Agreement – Consider sending a letter to the resident re cars.

A discussion took place on the Allotments in relation to access rights and parking vehicles at the Allotments.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to draft a letter to the resident in relation to this matter. Once approved the Clerk to forward the letter to the resident.

e) Footpath and Forestry Working Group Report - Cllr Browne

Cllr Browne had walked Footpath 10 yesterday and Bridal Path 4, both paths were clear and had been cut.

25/254 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

25/255 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.

a. Payments List

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
02/07/2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	946.32	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02/07/2025	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,220.05	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
02/07/2025	Rhino Play	Safety Surfacing	9,100.80	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02/07/2025	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02/07/2025	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	407.16	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)
02/07/2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	1,324.80	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02/07/2025	SDDC	Play Equipment Inspections	360.00	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the above payment. Proposer by Cllr Troyden-Fraser and seconded by Cllr Browne.

25/256 - Planning matters for consideration

- a. Applications for consideration - Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para.8 - Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested. Any application received after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.
- b. Linton Parish Council Members who are also Members of SDDC's Planning and/or Licensing Committee provide comments as a preliminary view only at this stage, and they may change their view when they hear all the evidence at a meeting of South Derbyshire District Council's Planning and/or Licensing Committee.

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Consultation End Date
DMPA/2025/0693	Change of use from holiday let to dwelling (use class C3)	Robinson's House, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB	02.07.2025
DMPA/2024/0925: Notification of planning appeal	Erection of a Battery Storage System (BESS) and associated	Caldwell Road, Drakelow,	Appeal Ref. No: APP/F1040/W/25/3364999

	infrastructure on Land at SK2419 3740,	Burton-on-Trent, DE15 9TX	Appeal Starting Date: 18/06/2025
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There were no comments to either of the above applications.

25/257 - Risk Assessments current updates

- a) Update Watson and Watson – Next inspection to take place on 03.07.2025.

Area/Observations	Priority	Action	Pic N°	Time Scale
Badgers Hollow:				
Village Orchard:				
The fence demarking the border between council & owners property seems to be leaning somewhat	NA	Since my last report Council have put in place a monitoring system but feel the fence is not dangerous as the ivy is holding it up.		<i>Cllrs to continue to monitor this issue</i>
Allotments:				
Road/path at the bottom of the access road presents a slip trip hazard.		Although noted before I will leave this item in for completeness.		Being Monitored by Cllrs

- b) Weekly Risk Assessments – Bloomin Gardens any outstanding issues.
c) Yearly Risk Assessments – Inspection Reports received.

There was nothing to report.

25/258 - To note Items for information. – Information received by the Clerk via email and forwarded to Cllr between meetings.

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council noted the following information:

- Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 23 June 2025
- EN010122 – Oaklands Farm Solar Project
- Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)
- Change to Gully Cleansing Operations
- Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025
- Summer Activities 2025 – promotion
- Derbyshire local government reorganisation - public consultation open
- Local Government Reorganisation - Important Update
- Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 30 June 2025
- SDDC Parish Cllr Update x2
- Linton District Councillor report for July 2025
- Temporary Road Closure | A444 High Cross, Castle Gresley |31.08.2025 to 01.08.2025
- Extension to b_line Discount Travel Scheme & School Crossing Patrol recruitment

n) Rosliston Forestry Centre summer events posters

25/259 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 9 September 2025, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: The next meeting was confirmed as 9 September 2025, at The Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm.